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Commissioner Jane E. Henney, M.D.
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I truly agree with the FDA's decision to allow foods to be irradiated. In the following three paragraphs I'll give three reasons why I agree with the FDA's decision to allow foods to be irradiated.

My first reason is that foods is not radioactive, which means that irradiated food is not bad. The Washington Times says that foods that have been irradiated do not cause any harm. The Washington Times also says that there has been no scientific proof that irradiation can be dangerous.

My second reason is that the irradiation laboratory is perfectly clean. The Washington Times says that food is perfectly maintained and the plant has more safety than a nuclear-firing system. The Washington Times also explains that irradiation is the only method known, used to completely eliminate a potentially deadly stralf of E. coli bacteria in raw meat and also can significantly reduce levels of listeria, salmonella and campylobacter bacteria on raw products.

My third and last reason is that irradiation has been used in food-products to control food-borne disease in humans. The United Nations World Health Organization and the American Medical Association have endorsed irradiation of food products to control food-borne diseases in humans. The Washington Times says that food-borne diseases kill about 9,000 Americans per year.

In conclusion, I strongly agree with the FDA's decision to allow irradiated foods because it can even save lives and that's something that people appreciate a lot. FDA, I think that irradiation has been a great idea.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter,
Sincerely,

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